MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to introduce the Travancore Markets Regulation (Amendment) Bill. In the statement of objects and reasons it has been pointed out that the object of this amendment is to delegate the power of hearing appeals in market cases, decided by the Division Peishkars, to the Land Revenue Commissioner. A reading of the amended section 28 would clearly show what the amendment is and how it would affect the present practice. "(1) An appeal shall lie to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner from any order of a Division Peishkar passed under this Regulation. (2) Our Government may direct that an appeal from the order of any officer empowered under Section 27 shall lie to the Division Peishkar. (3) There shall be no appeal from the decision or order passed in appeal by the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner or by the Division Peishkar. (4) It shall be lawful for the Dewan to revise any decision or order passed by any subordinate officer under this Regulation." Under this scheme, as in other matters, such as the Land Assignment Regulation, Land Conservancy Regulation and the Revenue Recovery Regulation, it is proposed that there shall be an appeal to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner against the decision of the Division Peishkars. Appeals which are now prepared to the Dewan will have to be prepared to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner. This Bill provides power for the Dewan to revise any decision of the Tahsildar, the Division Peishkar or the Land Revenue Commissioner. At the time the Markets Regulation was introduced there was no officer of the Status of the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, After the Markets Regulation came into force such an officer was appointed and he has since been invested with appellate powers in various matters. I am quite sure that that power exercised by the Land Revenue Commissioner has given complete satisfaction to the people. Government are satisfied that this power of hearing appeals under the Markets Regulation may be delegated to him especially in view of the fact that he will be the person most competent to dispose of those matters most expeditiously. There have been cases in which parties have appeared before the Dewan and urged for local inspection. But owing to want of time and due to pressure of work the Dewan has not always been able to go out on circuit and inspect the localities, There are practical difficulties also in the matter of settling questions relating to the title to, identify of and distance between one property and another involved in such cases. For such matters the best person who is most competent is the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner. If it is a case in which he thinks that local inspection would disclose that the decision of the Division Peishkar was not just the matter can be attended to by him forthwith. He is a circuiting officer The Division Peishkars and the Tahsildars are directly under the Commissioner and a large portion of their work under the Markets Regulation is being subjected to scrutiny even at

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present. There are these distinct advantages to the people concerned in the proposed scheme. The Dewan's work will to a small extent be lightened. These are the main reasons which have prompted me in bringing forward this Bill. I, therefore, move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro Vice Chancellor*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

TITLE OF THE BILL.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be the Travancore Markets Regulation (Amendment) Bill.

SECOND READING OF THE BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Honourable members have given me sufficient encouragement in this respect by not expressing even a single dissentient voice. I therefore beg you, Sir, to suspend the standing order so that I may move that the Bill be considered.

PRESIDENT: I suspend the standing order,

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Travancore Markets Regulation (Amendment) Bill be considered.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I heartily second it.

Clauses 1 and 2.

The question that clauses 1 and 2 do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The clauses were added to the Bill.

Preamble

The question that the preamble do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The preamble was added to the Bill.

Title.

The question that the title do form part of the Bill was put and carried.

The title was added to the Bill.

THIRD READING OF THE BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that, after inserting the figure "4" after the figures "111", in clause (i), the Bill be passed,

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

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